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25X1. Swinemünde. New landing charts have been issued for the various harbors in the Russian Zone of Germany. These charts indicate the routes to be followed and give the ships exact instructions about how and under what circumstances landings are to be made in the various harbors. These charts, whose alleged purpose is to make it easier for foreign ships and ships from the Western Zones to sail near the coast, are issued by the Russians only to the appropriate pilots and to steamers on Russian lines.

2. The new routes in Swinemünde are marked by the following light buoys:

Position	Latitude	Longitude	Description	Recurrence of light flashes
1	54° 25' 36"	15° 24' 0"	Red & white vertical stripes with a ball-shaped head.	Light flashes in groups of 3, recurring every 22 seconds.
2	54° 16' 0"	15° 5' 2"	Black light buoy	5. 10 seconds.
3	54° 11' 12"	14° 49' 30"	Red light buoy	8. 8 seconds.
4	54° 9' 30"	14° 43' 54"	Not marked.	
	1 cable length north of this		Red & white spar buoy 9 with lights.	4.5 seconds.
5	54° 7' 48"	14° 38' 18"	Not marked.	
	1 cable length north of this		Red spar buoy 10A with lights.	4.5 seconds.
6	54° 7' 21"	14° 37' 0"	Red & white spar buoy 10 with lights.	4.5 seconds.
7	54° 6' 6"	14° 32' 58"	Red & white spar buoy with lights.	5 seconds.

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<u>Position</u>	<u>Latitude</u>	<u>Longitude</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Recurrence of light flashes</u>
8	54° 4' 30"	14° 27' 45"	Red light buoy 12.	Light flashes in groups of 3, recurring every 12 seconds.
9	54° 2' 40"	14° 22' 22"	Red & white spar buoy 13 with lights.	4.5 seconds.
10	54° 1' 0"	14° 17' 30"	Red light buoy 14 with ball-shaped head.	Light flashes in groups of 2, recurring every 9 seconds.
11	53° 58' 3"	14° 16' 0"	Black light buoy "Swinoujscie".	7 seconds.

3. The positions indicate the middle line of the route, which is two cable lengths wide. Because of the many wrecks near the entrance of the harbor, entering ships must sail south around Light Buoys 10 and 11 and then west of Light Buoy 14. Positions 1 to 10 mark the route to "Swinemünde - Ansteuerung Ost". The route branching off to "Swinemünde - Ansteuerung West" starts from Position 10. From Position 11, the path continues in the general direction of 170.5 (sic), according to the normal arrangement of light buoys in the harbor.
4. At Light Buoy "Swinoujscie", behind Light Buoy 14, all ships must cast anchor and wait for a pilot. Left and right of the route, which is marked on both sides with net buoys (Netzbojen) because of the mine-sweeping work, are several dangerous wrecks. For this reason, the harbor entrance is used almost exclusively only during the day.
5. Danzig. The widening of the northern entrance to Danzig Harbor was completed in the summer of 1949, and on 20 November 1949 all work on the harbor improvements (Hafenregulierung) was concluded. The only reconstruction work currently under way is that of the fishing harbor (Harbor Basin 2), which is to be finished by the fall of 1950. The new width of the harbor entrance, measured from pier to pier, is 136 meters, but, measured between the two light buoys, it is only 111 meters.
6. The ~~blinking~~ signals (Sperrsignale) at the northern entrance to the harbor are no longer given, and the following harbor markings were removed because of the construction work and were never replaced:
 - a. The light-reflector (angestrahlt) white ball approximately 50 meters from the northern tip of the breakwater.
 - b. The old red position light buoy 54° 32.4' north, 18° 33.88' east, approximately 20 meters west of the northern tip of the breakwater.
7. After the harbor was widened, light buoys were moved to the following locations:
 - a. 54° 32.45' north, 18° 33.92' east, 15 meters north of the northern tip of the breakwater.
 - b. 54° 32.45' north, 18° 33.90' east, 10 meters south of the tip of the north pier.

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8. In Danzig's Harbor Basin 2, new lights were installed at the following locations:
- a. 54° 31' 39" north, 18° 33' 12.5" east, on the tip of a cross pier (Quermole) on the north side. It is a green flashing light with a single break; the light recurs every 2 seconds, flashing on for 1 second and off for 1 second. The light is 4.5 meters above the water and has a range of 0.5 nautical miles.
 - b. 54° 31' 35" north, 18° 33' 8" east, on the tip of the west pier in the fishing harbor. It is a green flashing light with a single break; the light recurs every 2 seconds, flashing on for 1 second and off for 1 second. The light is 5 meters above the water and has a range of 0.5 nautical miles.
 - c. 54° 31' 36" north, 18° 33' 15" east, at the tip of the east pier in the fishing harbor. It is a red flashing light with a single break; the light recurs every 2 seconds, flashing on for 1 second and off for 1 second. The light has a range of 0.5 nautical miles.
9. Rügenwalde. North of Rügenwalde, the Russians have installed a light and sound-signal buoy (Leuchtheultonne) at 54° 27' 18" north, 16° 19' 48" east, approximately 2 nautical miles 295 (sic) from the Rügenwalde beacon-light (Leuchfeuer). This buoy has vertical red and white stripes, and its flashing light is white, with 40 flashes per minute.
10. Seven cable lengths west-northwest of this is a light buoy marking the wreck of a small German auxiliary cruiser.
11. Rostock. Since the end of November there has been at Rostock a marked increase in traffic of light Russian naval forces. On 7 December 1949, source observed a destroyer, five speedboats, and two small, light Soviet naval units, which source assumes to consist of patrol boats.

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